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TOPIC Military Information from Kuestrin

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DATE OF CONTENT 20 July to 8 August 1953

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1. On 8 August 1953, the Artillerie Kaserne in Kuestrin was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 28 July and 8 August, about 36 troops daily received training on six 25-mm AA guns in the west section of the training area. On 1 August, 40 troops received instruction on four 85-mm AA guns in the southeast portion of the training area. Reports of carbines and submachine guns were daily heard from the firing range during the period under review.

25X1C Truck was seen near the installation. Beginning at 9 a.m. on 27 July, 17 x 25-mm AA guns, 32 trucks, 1 Dodge-type vehicle, 2 ambulances, 1 sedan and 2 field kitchens were loaded on 36 flatcars; and about 160 troops, ration supplies and billeting equipment on 22 boxcars at the Kietz railroad station. Troops and materiel had come from the Artillerie Kaserne. The train left toward Jueterbog via Frankfurt/Oder Between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the same day, materiel and troops from the Artillerie Kaserne, including 6 x 25-mm AA guns, 8 trucks and 1 field kitchen; and about 50 troops, ration supplies and billeting equipment were loaded on 8 flatcars and 5 boxcars respectively and left in the same direction. 25X1

At about 9 p.m. on the same day, source determined that, after the departure of the troops, six 25-mm AA guns were in the west portion of the training area.

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25X1A Comment. The loading of the two trains with light units of the 32d AAA Div (US), which went to Jueterbog is confirmed. The fact that the bulk of the medium regiments of the division had not yet returned from Wustrow by 8 August, accounts for the light occupation of the installation.

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